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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMP PROPOSALS TO INCREASE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES SALARIES

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1. LETTERS FROM SECRETARY SIMON CONVEYED REF B WERE DELIVERED
ON JULY 15 TO CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN AND IMF GOVERNOR HASSAN-ALI
MEHRAN AND MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE HUSHANG
ANSARY, GOI GOVERNOR TO IBRD. EMBOFFS MADE PERSONAL FOLLOW-
UP WITH CBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR SHAHPUR SHIRAZI AND MEAF DEPUTY
MINISTER JALIL SHORAKA.

2. GOI IS TAKING A POSITION ON PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES
SIMILAR TO THAT TAKEN LAST YEAR (REF A), I.E. TO SUPPORT COST
OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS. ALTHOUGH EXPLAINED, WE DOUBT THAT
THE NUANCE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT
AND THE EFFECTIVE BENEFIT RELATIVE TO THE COST OF LIVING
MOVEMENT IS REFLECTED IN THE GOI'S VOTING POSITION. SHIRAZI
EVIDENCED HAVING GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO US ARGUMENT
WHEN RESPONDING TO EMBOFF'S VISIT. NONETHELESS, HE SAID,
THE GOI VIEWS THE ED'S AS EQUIVALENT TO AMBASSADOR, YET LACK-
ING THE USUAL AMBASSADORIAL PERQUISITES. THUS, IF GOOD QUALITY
PEOPLE ARE TO BE ATTRACTED TO THESE SUBSTANTIVE AND REPRESENTA-
TIONAL POSITIONS THEN WE MUST BE PREPARED TO PAY ADEQUATELY.
HE ADDED THE IDEA THAT HAVING PERHAPS INITIALLY ESTABLISHED OVERLY
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GENEROUS WAGE LEVELS FOR ED'S AND REST OF IMF/IBRD STAFF WE CAN-

NOT NOW DENY THESE PEOPLE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS. SHIRAZI
DWELT CONSIDERABLY ON THE JOB DEMANDS FACED BY IRANIAN DR.
JAHANGER AMOUZEGAR, WHO IS THE ED FOR THE GROUP OF COUNTRIES
WHICH INCLUDES IRAN AND BROTHER OF GOI MINISTER OF INTERIOR,
FACTORS WHICH MAY INFLUENCE THE GOI POSITION ON COMPENSATION.
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